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SEA gives organizations a power SOuRCe

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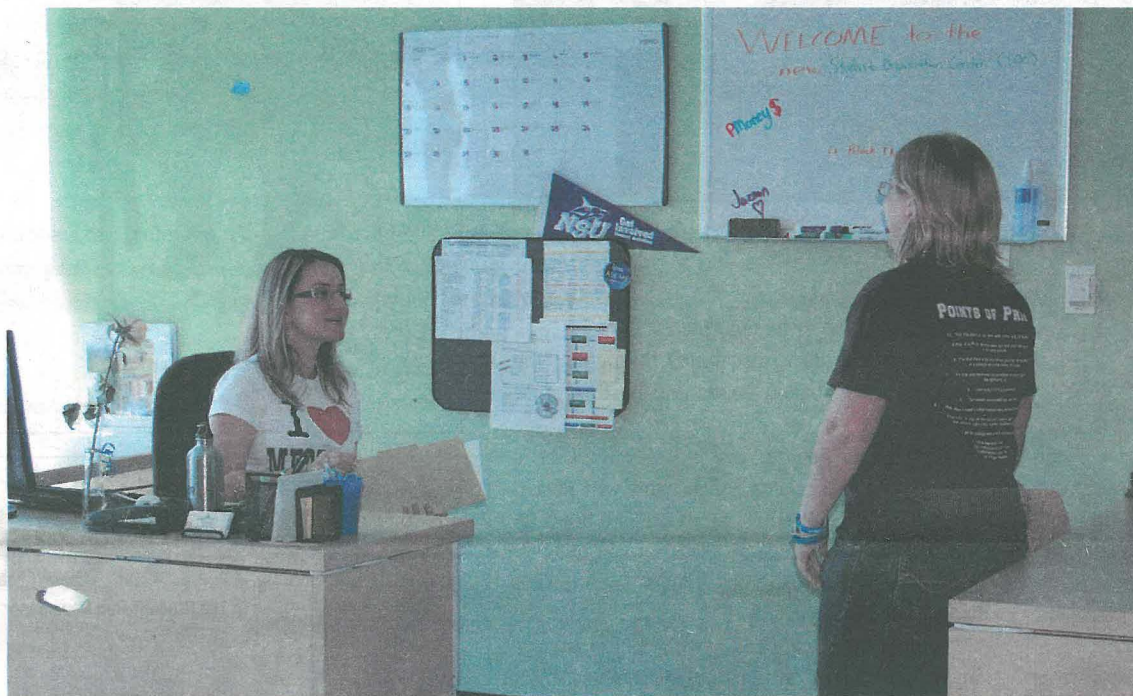
Annarely Rodriguez

The Office of Student Activities opened an office in early March to offer a one-stop shop for clubs and organizations. At the Student Organization Resource Center (SOuRCe), located in Room 201 of the Rosenthal Student Center, organizations can register their events with Student Events and Activities (SEA), get materials and print flyers, and get guidance from Jazmin Zea, graduate assistant for clubs and organizations in the Office of Student Activities.

Sean Pepin, assistant director of Student Activities, said, "This is where student organizations can plug in and get connected."

Pepin said the office is in a central location, which offers students better access to services such as coaching if organizations encounter membership issues.

He said the idea for a one-stop shop for organizations came from talking to students.



Jazmin Zea, graduate assistant for clubs and organizations speaks with Allison Walker, graduate assistant for Student Educational Centers in the SOuRCe office, located in Rosenthal 201. The office is a one-stop shop for student organizations.

Juliana Ospina, senior biology major, executive secretary of the Undergraduate Student Association, member of Lambda Theta Alpha

Latin Sorority, Inc. and CAUSE, said the new office was needed.

"It's a lot better than what was in SEA, all the way in the back of the

UC. Sometimes it's hard for students, especially new students, who want to get involved to locate it," she said. "In Rosenthal, it's more convenient

"This is where student organizations can plug in and get connected."

—Sean Pepin, assistant director of Student Activities

and a lot more students can find it." She said she hoped students use the new resource center.

"I hope they realize how much the university has done and how the NSU spirit has grown so much," she said.

Pepin said this year approxi-

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Criminal Justice Institute adds Ph.D. program

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Annarely Rodriguez

The Criminal Justice Institute will add a Ph.D. program in fall of 2011. The classes will only be available online.

Tammy Kushner, Psy. D., executive associate dean in the Criminal Justice Institute, said NSU added the program because of the demand for trained professionals.

"Beyond the jobs that are commonly-known such as police officer or corrections officer, exist opportunities in private investigation, private security, corporate security and threat assessment," she said.

Kushner said the university conducted extensive research before starting the program. Students in the master's program also expressed interest in a Ph.D. program. Kushner

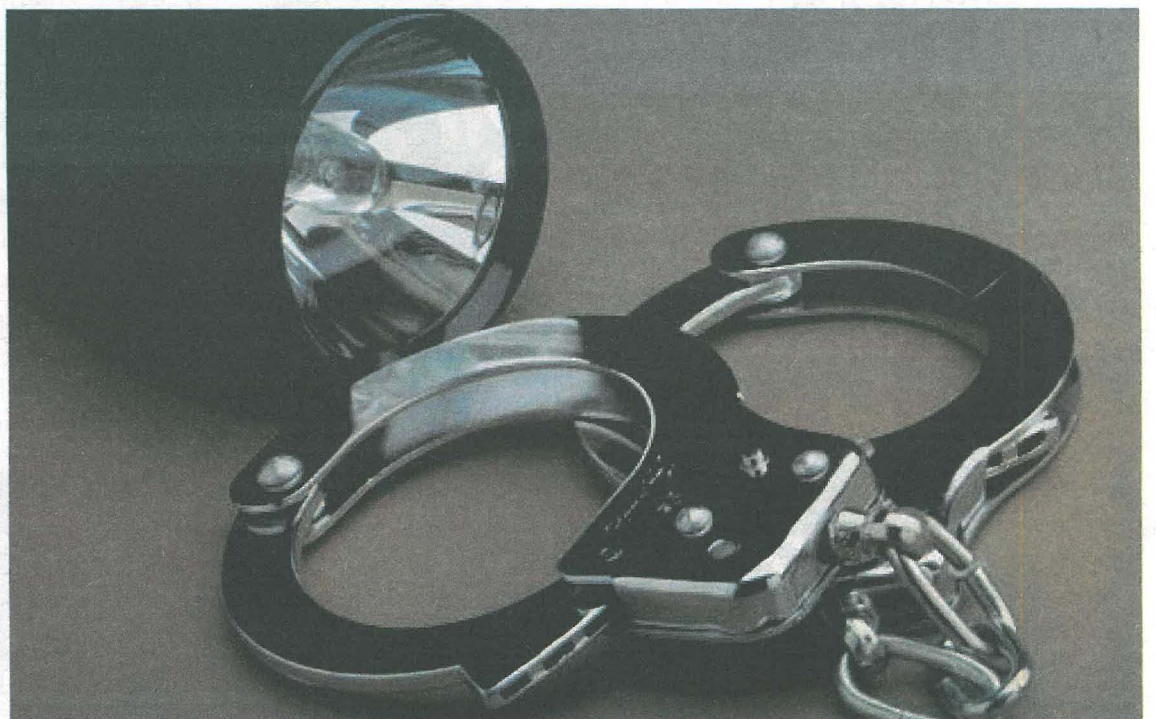
said their input was critical.

Krystle Juman, second-year student in the criminal justice master's program, said she thought the program was worth the investment.

"It opens more avenues for [students] to reach their goals or to do something they really love and not something they have to do," she said. "Although times are tough economically, the program will pay for itself if the student follow through with it."

Students will have the option of choosing three concentrations: organizational leadership, behavioral science and juvenile justice. They will take classes in theories of crime, criminal law and applied statistics.

"As the program grows, we expect to expand on the specialty



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NSU's Criminal Justice Institute will launch a Ph.D. program in criminal justice in the fall 2011 semester.

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mately 20 organizations started at NSU, bringing the total to more than 75.

"Our motto is 'If you don't see one, start one' and we're hoping students can come here and get

it done," said Pepin.

The resource center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

NSU to host Relay for Life at Gold Circle Lake



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Three cancer survivors start off the Relay for Life at last year's walk at NSU. Last year was the first time NSU hosted the walk. The walk will take place on April 8 this year.

Written by:

Alyssa Sterkel

On April 8, NSU will host Relay for Life, an annual fundraiser for The American Cancer Society. Beginning at 6 p.m. teams will camp out around Gold Circle Lake for 18 hours with team members taking turns walking around the lake.

At least one person from each team must be on the track for the duration of the event. Members will switch places by passing a baton.

"It's meant to celebrate those who have won the fight against cancer, to remember those we've lost and to fight back against the disease," said

Travis Checketts, event chairman.

Teams can also raise funds throughout the night by selling baked goods and hosting other activities.

The theme for this year's Relay for Life is cartoons, said Checketts. Each team will pick a cartoon and decorate their camp site and dress up based on the theme.

There will also be games and music throughout the night.

Registration ended on March 15, but anyone can donate money by visiting www.relayforlife.org/novafl.

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offerings to further appeal to a wide variety of student interests and to allow our students to affect change within the most active and exciting segments in the field of criminal justice," Kushner said.

The program is offered online in order to reach a broader variety of students.

"Considering that NSU is a leader at the forefront of online classroom learning, it was a natural fit to offer such a program," she said. "Online education is expanding across the globe and advanced studies in specific areas such as criminal justice allow working professionals and

industry leaders to receive a Ph.D. without scheduling or geographic limitations."

Interested students must have a master's degree in criminal justice. Kushner also said students entering the criminal justice field must have a range of other applicable qualities.

"[They] need to be analytical yet communicative, quick to act yet cautious, independent and a team player," she said.

The application deadline is May 27. Students may apply online at www.nova.edu/apply/index.html.

At least look smart.

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News Briefs

Leadership award nominations open

Students, faculty and staff may nominate individuals for a Student Leadership Award by March 25 at 5 p.m. Nominations may be submitted via e-mail to ks1090@nova.edu or they may be dropped off at Rosenthal Student Center Room 202. The awards recognize individuals and organizations at NSU and within the community who foster student success. Winners will be announced on April 26 at an awards ceremony on the second floor of the Don Taft University Center.

Registration for summer and fall semester

Registration for undergraduate students for the summer and fall semesters opens March 28. However, students in the honors program and athletes may register now. Registration for the summer semester ends on May 3 and registration for the fall semester ends on Aug. 9. For more information, consult your academic adviser.

NSU alumnus receives award

Alan Roy Crane, J.D., Shepard Broad Law Center class of 1992, received the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Award last month. The award recognizes individuals who donate their services to people in need. Crane has recorded more than 350 hours of pro bono work throughout 18 year career. He assisted families and individuals in bankruptcy and family law.

Keiser University's non-profit status affects FRAG

Keiser University's move to a non-profit institution in January reduces the amount of the Florida Resident Access Grant from \$2,425 to \$1,350. The university's status added 5,400 more students to the program, which is awarded to students each year as an incentive for attending Florida non-profit private universities. This change will affect students who attend Florida non-profit private universities and receive the FRAG.

NSU offers smoking cessation program

Starting March 24 at 7:30 p.m. the Area Health Education Centers Program and the Healthy Lifestyles Guided Self-Change Program will offer group and individual sessions to help the NSU community quit smoking. The sessions are 90 minutes long and are free to the NSU community and their immediate families. Participants will receive free nicotine patches for six weeks.

Angry Birds available on Facebook

The popular smart phone game Angry Birds will be available on Facebook in April. Gamers launch birds at pigs via a slingshot with the aim of destroying all the pigs. Developers say the pigs will have a bigger role in the game. For updates on the game's transition to Facebook, like their page at www.facebook.com/#!/angrybirds.

Get out and enjoy Florida



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Students ride their bicycles near the Parker Building. Enjoying NSU's campus is one way to enjoy South Florida's beautiful weather.

Written by:

Annarely Rodriguez

We live in Florida, the Sunshine State, the only state where it didn't snow this winter. (Yes, it even snowed in Hawaii.) Yet, some of us spend most of our time inside. That ends now. Here are a few ways you can make the rest of the country jealous while you enjoy the sunshine.

Play on the Quad. One way to enjoy Florida's famous sun rays is to get out and play Frisbee on the library quad. We've all seen the iconic college image of guys playing Frisbee. Well, now that midterms are over you should grab a few friends and take advantage of the South Florida weather and NSU's beautiful campus. Plus, it's free.

Visit a park. There are many county parks around campus. You can find a list of them at this Web site: www.davie-fl.gov/Gen/DavieFL_ParksRcrtn/facilities/parks. C.B. Smith Park on Johnson St. and Flamingo Rd. is free during the week but costs \$1.50 per person on weekends. You can have a barbecue with your friends, change your running route, or celebrate your birthday without making a mess in your dorm room. Regardless of

the reason, you'll get some fresh air while surrounded by beautiful scenery.

Drive to Key West. Not all road trips have to take days to complete. You can gather a few friends and visit the southernmost point in the continental U.S. and enjoy the nightlife. This is one of those things you must do if you live in Florida.

Spend some time at the beach. This is another free option and, considering the beach is 15 minutes from campus, it is also convenient. One of these afternoons, take your books and instead of studying in your dorm or in the library, enjoy one of Florida's famous beaches. See if that 20-page chapter doesn't seem more enjoyable.

Visit the Everglades. This one may not be free, but it is essential — especially if you are not from Florida. If you are, you probably visited the park as part of a field trip in middle school. If you didn't, take the opportunity to explore Florida's greatest resource.

These are only some of the opportunities you have to enjoy what I'm sure was one of the reasons you chose to attend school in South Florida. There are good reasons many vacation and retire here. Go out and find them.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: NICOLE QUINT

Written by:

Keren Moros

Nicole Quint, Dr. OT, OTR/L, clinical faculty of occupational therapy in the College of Allied Health and Nursing, always wanted to work in health care, but changed her focus from animals to humans after she visited a center for people with disabilities and saw an occupational therapist helping a young man with cerebral palsy.

"[The therapist] was adapting the computer so that [the patient] could use it despite all of his motor dysfunctions," she said. "I said, 'OK, this is what I want to do. This is a way to make a direct impact on somebody's life.'"

However, she still cares for animals. She has volunteered with several animal charities and rescue organizations for pugs. She is involved with the Broward Occupational Therapy Forum and the Spinal Cord Injury Support Group of South Florida. She has also volunteered with the Special Olympics, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and adapted sports for people with disabilities.

"A lot of times, the volunteer work I am involved in relates to a fundraising opportunity for a patient who needs equipment," she said. "I'm also interested in doing triathlons to try to raise money for patients."

Quint said people often do not understand what occupational therapy is because the word occupation is commonly associated with the word job. However, occupational therapy includes every day activities such as brushing your teeth, getting dressed, sleep, rest, educational pursuits, work and social participation. Quint said occupation refers to activities that are purposeful and meaningful to life and things that add to the quality of life.

"If someone has a stroke, and he or she becomes disabled, our job is to get the person back to doing



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Nicole Quint is a clinical faculty of occupational therapy at the College of Allied Health and Nursing.

occupations, maybe in a new way, and get the person to participate in those occupations again, so that the person can improve the health and quality of his or her life."

Quint said she entered occupational therapy because she wanted to make a difference.

"I really wanted to make a difference that I thought would have long-lasting effects," she said. "I wanted some of the people who are left out in society to really have a chance to have more fulfilled lives, and I saw OT was a way to do that."

Quint said the challenging part of being a professor is translating information in the classroom to real life.

"We really try to impart on them how important their role is in people's lives and their healthcare experiences and to really get them on the path to being independent and healthy," she said.

Quint is also working on two research projects. She, a colleague and two optometrists from the College of Optometry are researching autistic adolescents and pre-adolescents with convergence insufficiency, a visual motor problem. They are studying how this condition impacts their sensory processing. Quint is also looking at the ability of children

with middle-functioning autism to complete self-assessments regarding sensory processing skills.

Every summer, Quint goes to the Health Professions Division's 10-day mission trip to Jamaica.

"We're trying to get to the underserved populations who are in the mountains and don't have access to health care," she said. "We work together as a team, and it's a really wonderful experience."

One of her greatest memories at NSU was her first mission in 2009.

"It transformed me," she said. "It transformed my role at NSU; I really felt as if I found the right fit for me. It transformed me as an occupational therapist, and it transformed me as an educator because we take students with us."

Quint tries to set an example for her students and strives to be approachable and knowledgeable.

"I want to set a high standard because I want the students to meet it not because I want to be difficult for the sake of being difficult," she said. "I want them to appreciate that the people they're going to work with in the future are someone's beloved family members. They have to respect that and meet their highest potential because of that."

The dos and dont's of credit card use

Written by:

Giuliana Scagliotti

Credit cards enable us to buy items with money that doesn't exist. However, before you indulge and go "swipe crazy," there are a few reasons you should keep bills and coins in your wallet next to the credit card.

Do choose a card with a low interest rate. Charles Collver, Ph.D., assistant professor of finance at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, suggests finding a card with no application fee and a good interest rate. Interest rates are either fixed or variable and it's best to get the lowest fixed rate possible.

"Try to open an account at a reputable bank," Collver said.

Collver said it is also important to ask about annual fees, interest rates, rewards, cash back, points, and travel. Make sure there is a grace period to avoid accruing interest from the first time you make a purchase and stay away from high interest rate



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Chris Guzzardo, junior theatre major, uses his credit card to pay for his meal at Papa Johns in the Don Taft University Center food court.

mail offers and sign-up gifts, he said.

"There's nothing free in life. They're trying to make money off of you," said Collver.

Do use the card wisely. Credit cards are good sources for building credit. However, there are boundaries. Good behavior is key. If you're young, it is better to have

only one or two credit cards and not exceed 50 percent of the limit. Having too many cards can ruin credit history, Collver said.

"If you have a job, a credit card is like an insurance policy," said Collver.

Dan Sullivan, Ed.D., director of first year and transitional programs, suggested using tuition payments for

good credit. When the time comes to pay, do it in a way that improves your financial history.

"If you still owe money after tuition, put the rest on the card. When the loan comes in, use that to pay it off. Find smart ways to have good credit," said Sullivan.

Another option is obtaining a credit card through your parents. They can get a card with your name and add you to the account.

"The good credit rating rubs off on you," said Sullivan.

Don't make unnecessary purchases. Sullivan said credit cards should be used only for emergencies and major or unexpected purchases, like a new tire.

"Don't put the latte or anything less than \$5 on it," Sullivan said. "If you knew how much the latte was and pulled cash out of your pocket, you would realize how much you spent."

Sullivan said it is important to understand how credit card companies operate.

"The problem is that you have

to have a higher limit to get better credit. If your limit is \$500, and you're using \$100 or \$200 a month, it doesn't make much of a difference," Sullivan said. "Paying the same amount off monthly on a card with a higher limit helps improve your credit score."

Don't ruin your credit. If used wisely, credit cards can be very beneficial — but one wrong move destroys your credit rapidly.

"If you mess up once, your credit goes down dramatically and your conditions can go from 14 percent to 30 percent interest. If you're disciplined, you're good, but it's the risk that you run," Sullivan said.

Collver said students should leave their cards at home when they think they will be tempted to use them.

"If you have good discipline, you don't need to carry cash. If you don't, it's a good idea to carry a good amount of cash like \$50 and not spend any more," said Collver.

What you see is what you get:

What electronic devices do to your eyes

Written by:
Keren Moros

With our lives being run by technology, we find ourselves staring at screens for most of the day: our televisions, our cell phones, our MP3 players and our laptops.

Nicole Patterson, assistant professor of optometry, said that some who spend the entire day on the computer may develop computer vision syndrome.

"When you focus on something, your focusing ability, or accommodation, can sometimes become locked at that distance," she said. "When you try to look away, you may not see clearly."

Patterson said that computer vision syndrome can cause headaches and eye strain but no research has shown that it can cause

permanent eye damage. "When you're working on the computer, sometimes you don't blink as frequently, so you may experience dry eyes but nothing that's going to permanently damage your vision," she said.

Patterson said that she has seen a correlation between people who are on the computer for long hours and eye strain.

Katie Dabrowski, freshman psychology major, said she believes she wears glasses because of straining her eyes from reading and looking at her laptop.

"When I look down at small print and then I look up, it takes a while for my eyes to focus, but it's pretty much the same thing when you're on the computer, too," she said.

But computers aren't the only devices that affect eyes.

Jim Sheedy, director of the Vision Performance Institute at Pacific University, has conducted studies on the effects of 3-D movies on the eyes. People also get motion-related symptoms, like vertigo, after watching 3-D movies.

"People do get more symptoms with 3-D displays than with 2-D displays," Sheedy said. "We have shown that when viewing 3-D compared to 2-D, the visual system does engage in more accommodative changes. Eye strain, dry eyes and complaints of blurred vision and double vision — those symptoms exist at the end of the movie and as they are leaving the movie."

Miko Crecco, sophomore sports and recreational management major, said watching a 3-D movie gave him eye strain.

"It kind of hurt," he said. "You're used to seeing flat images and the 3-D throws your eyes off, and your brain almost hurts."

Sheedy said that our eyes work best looking down at 10 to 15 degree angles. If a computer display is straight ahead of a person's eyes, the person will eventually tilt his or her head back. If the display is too low,

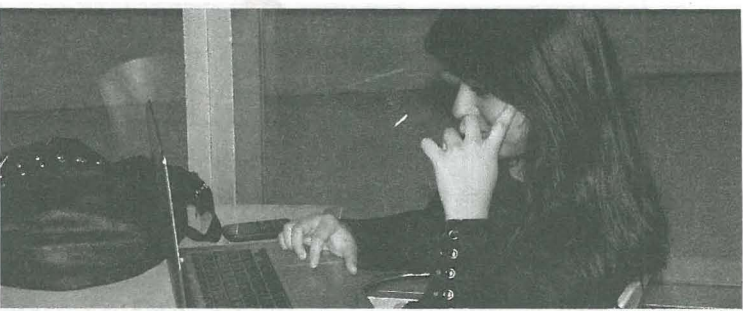


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Victoria Rajkumar, junior English major, uses her laptop in the Don Taft University Center Pit. Laptops are one of the many electronic devices we expose our eyes to daily.

the person will pull his or her head forward, causing the head to become out of balance with the rest of the body.

"The top of your display should be about level with your eyes," Sheedy said. "But the problem with a laptop is that if you put the display where it ought to be, it's way too high for your hands. It can't be right for your eyes and your hands at the same time."

Sheedy recommends using a detachable keyboard when working for long hours on a laptop. He also recommends not having bright lights, like florescent lights, within peripheral vision while looking at a computer screen.

"Rotate your work station so the lights aren't in your [line] of

view, turn off the lights or wear a visor," Sheedy said. "The best-lit environment is one where everything is fairly equal in brightness."

However, Patterson said that reading or writing in the dark does not damage your eyes.

"You might make your eyes tired more quickly if you don't have adequate lighting, and it might be harder to read, but you can certainly read in the dark," she said.

Patterson suggests that people look up from their screen every 60 seconds and walk away from the computer every 15 to 30 minutes.

"Any break where you're not looking at that same distance will help relax your eyes," she said.

Think taxes:

What students should know about filing tax returns

Written by:
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Maureen Dougherty, assistant professor of taxation in the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, has one piece of advice for students: Don't fail to file.

Dougherty said students should first check if they are dependent on their parents for tax purposes. If a person is considered a dependent, they cannot receive a deduction for themselves.

"You can't be claimed as your own dependent and your parents' dependent," she said.

Walt Sammis, tax associate at H&R Block, said students can be claimed as dependents if they are full-time students under the age of 24 and their parents provide more than half of their support. He said being claimed as parents' dependent is financially better for the family.

"Most students don't have such a high income, and so in many cases, they don't even owe any taxes anyway, so the education credits don't really benefit them very much," Sammis said. "But the parents, who probably have higher income, pay more taxes than the students, so they get a bigger benefit from the educational credits for the student."

Sammis suggested that students gather their records like forms that show the cost of tuition, fees and books. They should also gather information on where the money spent on school came from whether it was scholarships, grants, loans, parents' income or students' income.

"We need to know all that in order to get the best possible educational credits for the student," Sammis said.

Dougherty said students who work should check if federal taxes were withheld from their incomes. If so, they may be entitled to a refund.

"If you don't file the return, you can't get that money back," she said. "But if you look at your W-2, when

you get that from your employer, you'll see the federal income tax which was held and that can be a substantial number for you."

Sammis said single people under 65 are legally required to file if their income was \$9,350 or above between Jan. 1, 2010, and Dec. 31, 2010.

Dougherty said income includes wages, interest, dividends or capital gain. She also said students who don't live in Florida, which does not have a state income tax, may have other taxes.

"They've got to determine whether for federal purposes or state purposes they have other types of income," she said. "That could be interest income or dividends from stock that might be registered in their names."

Dougherty said that students don't need every receipt unless they are itemizing their deductions or have many expenses from their jobs.

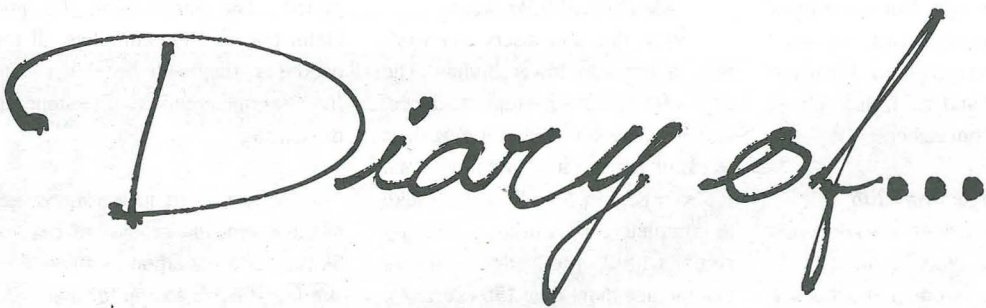
"For example, if you have to drive and use your own car and your employer reimburses you, then you'll want to have those receipts because your employer will include that in your income, and you'll want to get a deduction for it," she said.

Dougherty said students can go the International Revenue Service's Web site and access its free application for preparing and filing tax returns, buy Turbo Tax software or prepare them by hand.

Tax returns are due on April 18, this year instead of April 15. Michael Dobzinski, spokesperson for the IRS, said this is because April 15 falls on the same day as Emancipation Day, a legal holiday in Washington, D.C.

"It's considered a holiday for tax filing purposes," he said. "When a tax filing due date falls on a holiday, it is postponed until the next business day."

Dougherty said those who cannot do their taxes in time can request an extension until Oct. 15.



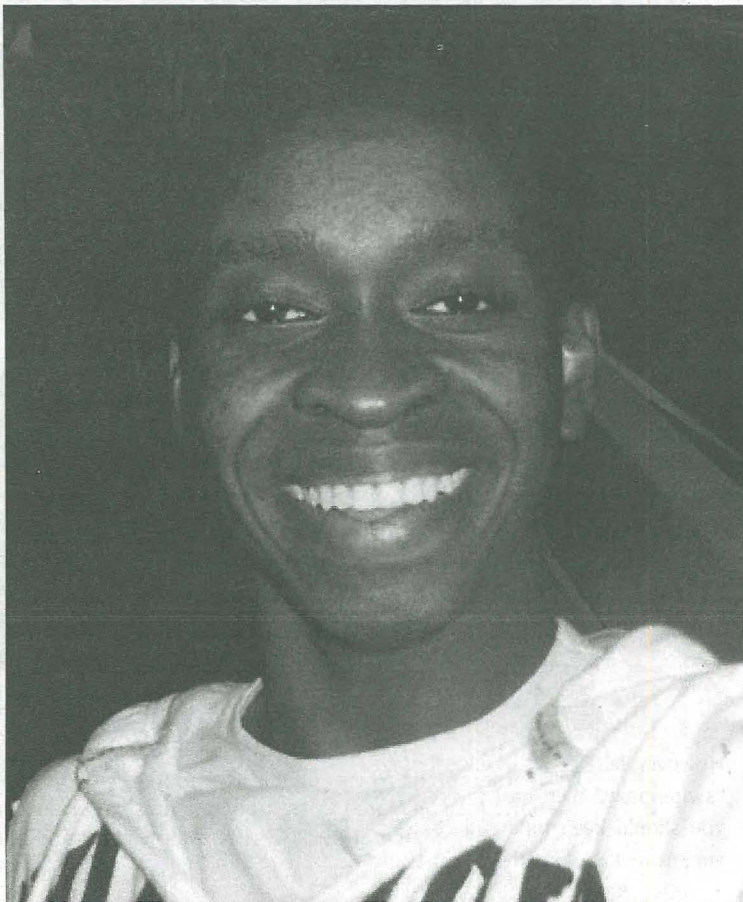
An international student

Written by:
Timothy Kimuli

Timothy Kimuli, junior legal studies major, is the leader of African Affairs in the Student Coalition for Human Rights. He is also a member of the Gay-Straight Student Alliance and participated in the gay pride march last year with the Broward Human Rights Initiative. His interests include going to the beach, socializing, working out at the gym, reading, going on road trips, surfing the Internet and eating tons of American cheese. He plans to attend law school and work for human rights and the environment.

Growing up in a suburb in a small, shanky and deprived town, all dreams are null and void. I played with several kids, mingled and got myself in trouble with unfriendly neighbors. Theft and crime, robbery and childhood mistreatment were the norm. This was my life growing up in Uganda, a country in east Africa known as much for its beautiful scenery as for its discrimination against gays and its political turmoil. In school, bullying, teachers' heavy beatings, plus the mental and emotional harm involved weighed heavily on me as a 7-year-old.

By 2008, I was in a 50,000-student college in Kampala, the capital. Makerere University is one of the biggest universities in central and eastern Africa. Unlike NSU, the use of textbooks and interaction with professors is not possible because classes have 250 students. Materials in Ugandan universities are taught by professors reading the notes to



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students who then write them down word for word. This system is so dependent on the professor that one cannot comprehend class materials without the instructor being there.

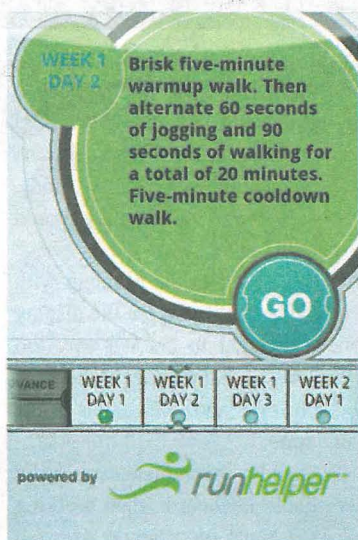
It is different in America with strong teacher-student relationships, a calm environment, reliable alliances along the way, and a massive library. Students feel their destiny is in their hands to seize or thrust away. There are also several opportunities for growth in clubs, sports and Greek societies to mention a few. As a student, I have taken advantage of

these to improve myself and become more outgoing.

As a member in several clubs, human connections have been the best part of my involvement in social groups. As a member of the Student Coalition for Human Rights and the Gay-Straight Student Alliance, interacting with others fills me with joy every day. As member of Delta Epsilon Iota, I feel close to like-minded people who are out to make an impact beyond their studies. The future is only brighter.

3 for 3:

Three best workout apps under \$3



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iPhone offers several workout applications for users including: Nike Training Club, Men's Health Workouts and Couch to 5k.

Written by:

Annarely Rodriguez

Working out requires motivation and follow-through. But sometimes following through is hard and takes away all your motivation. Here are three apps, all under \$3, that should make working out easier.

Nike Training Club

One of the newest workout apps in the app store, Nike Training Club, is designed for women. It chooses several 15 to 30-minute workouts to help users achieve their fitness goals. The app also allows users to listen to their favorite music as an

instructor guides them through the exercises. The more a user works out using the app, the more exercises she can unlock.

Men's Health Workouts

With this app, users can work their upper and lower bodies. The app offers step-by-step guidance, allowing users to save a log of their workout and review previous stats. It also measures how long users take to complete each workout. The app comes with 23 pre-loaded workouts that include more than 150 exercises.

Couch to 5k

A lot of people include "Running a marathon" on their bucket

lists. This app allows users to work their way there, whether they're couch potatoes or frequent runners. Couch to 5k features a series of 30-minute workouts over a 9-week period. The makers of the app claim that if users complete all the exercises, they will be able to run five kilometers without stopping or walking.

Whether you just want to get in the exercising groove, or run a 5k race or a marathon by the end of summer, there's an app for that.

ON THE BENCH

Commentary by:
Jasmine Lykins



Marlins new stadium to improve record

As the Florida Marlins gear up for opening day on April 1, construction continues on the Miami site of their new home. This will be the last opening day for the Marlins at the Sun Life Stadium (also the home of the Miami Dolphins). Their new, unnamed, stadium should be completed by this time next year.

When Florida Marlins' owner Jeffrey Loria and Team President David Samson asked the city to build the new baseball stadium, the city of Miami agreed to fund a large portion of the project. Then, in the summer of 2010, information was leaked that revealed the Marlins' profit of nearly \$50 million in 2008 and 2009. Although many rightfully decried the construction of the almost \$500 million ballpark at the expense of the Miami-Dade County taxpayers, the park might give Marlins fans exactly what they desire: another winning season.

The money spent on our local Major League Baseball team might, ultimately, improve the team's unfortunate record of the past years. After all, the Marlins' first few years under original owner, H. Wayne Huizenga, CEO, were miserable failures. It wasn't until 1997 when Huizenga started spending money to improve the team that their playing record increased. That same year, the Marlins won the World Series becoming the youngest franchise and first Wild Card team in Major League Baseball history to do so.

Seemingly stuck in another rut of poor baseball playing, the Marlins have been last in National League attendance for five years in a row. Perhaps the increase in spending and the completion of the new stadium will lead to a similar rise in playing level.

SPORTS SHORTS

WRITTEN BY
JASMINE LYKINS



Men's golf

Jack Bartlett of the men's golf team competes at the Caribbean Intercollegiate in Puerto Rico on March 9. The team tied for second, and they compete again March 21-22 at the Bobcat Invitational in Eaton, Ga.



Men's and women's swimming

Ewa Jamborska competes at the NCAA National Championships in San Antonio, TX on March 12. The men's team finished 13th out of 30 teams, while the women's team finished 20th of 38 teams.

upcoming home games

March 25-April 10

3.25

Women's softball v. Eckerd College 7 p.m.
AD Griffin Sports Complex*

4.7

Women's tennis v. Barry University 3 p.m.
Rolling Hills Court

Women's tennis v. Eckerd College 2 p.m.
Rolling Hills Court*

4.8

Men's Baseball v. Barry University 6 p.m.
NSU Baseball Complex*

3.26

Women's softball v. Eckerd College 1 p.m.
AD Griffin Sports Complex

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Men's Baseball v. Barry University 1 p.m.
NSU Baseball Complex

Women's tennis v. Florida Technical College 1:30 p.m.
Rolling Hills Court

Women's Softball v. St. Leo University 5 p.m.
AD Griffin Sports Complex

4.1

Women's tennis v. Lynn University 2 p.m.
Rolling Hills Court

4.10

Women's softball v. St. Leo University 1 p.m.
AD Griffin Sports Complex

4.3

Women's tennis v. Rollins College 11 a.m.
Rolling Hills Court

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Athlete Profile:

Austin Lavallii, Women's Tennis

Written by:
Jasmine Lykins

Austin Lavallii, sophomore on the women's tennis team, transferred to NSU this year from the University of Texas, El Paso. Majoring in sports and recreation management, she plans to be a personal trainer specializing in the sports after graduation.

Lavallii said, "I really like it here. I really like the team. Our coach is so laid back. He really does care about us."

Lavallii started taking tennis lessons when she was in eighth grade and began playing competitively in high school.

"Now that I'm in college, it's a whole different game," she said. "Tennis has opened a lot of opportunities for me."

Lavallii's tennis matches have taken her to countries including Japan, Tunisia, and St. Vincent.

Questions and Answers with Austin Lavallii:

Who would play you in a movie about your life?

"Brittany Daniel."

In the movie, who would you want to play your love interest?

"Jamie Foxx."

What is your perfect pre-match meal?

"Lots of fruit and sometimes a caramel macchiato."

If you were stranded on the moon, what three items would you take with you?

"My iPhone, my huge heating pad and Skype."

If you could travel back in time, what time period would you go to?



Austin Lavallii competes in both the singles and doubles matches for NSU's women's tennis team.

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"Ancient Egyptian times."
If you could sit down for dinner with anyone, famous or not, who would it be?

"Shakira."
If you could trade places with anyone, famous or not famous,

dead or alive, real or fictional, who would it be?

"No one now; I love being me."
If you could have a superpower what would you want it to be?

"Teleportation."
If you won \$20 million, how would

you spend it?
"[I would] invest it, watch it grow, and then buy a little castle."
How would you describe yourself in three words?

"Athletic, funny, real."

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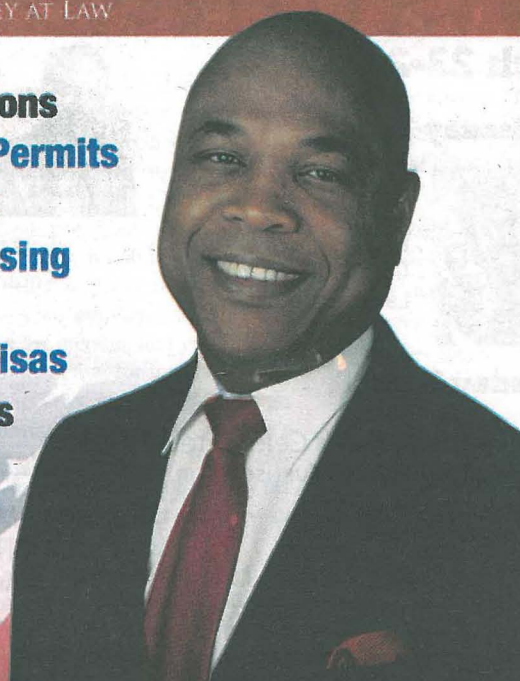
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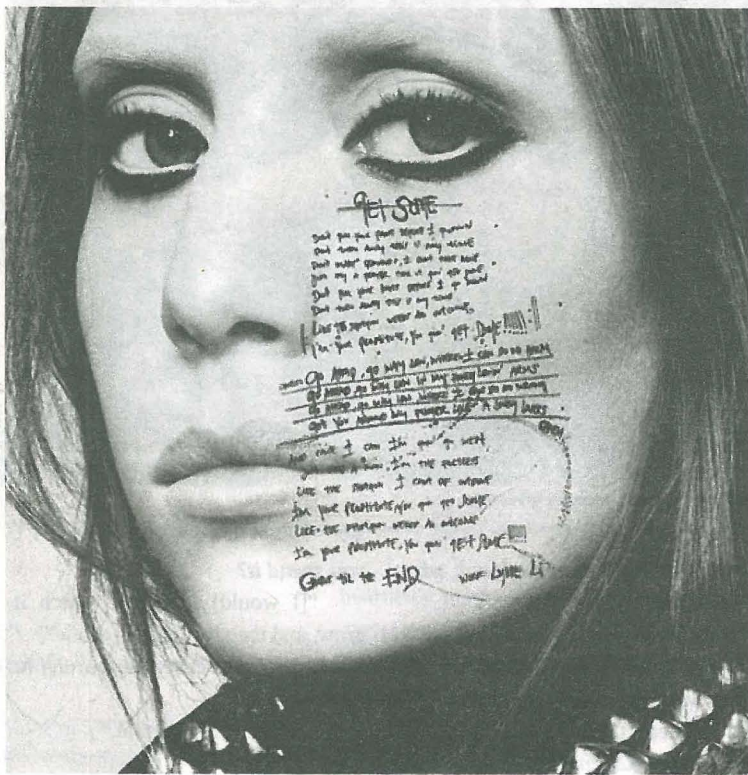
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Lykke Li's "Wounded Rhymes" drowns you in emotion



Lykke Li's second album is entitled "Wounded Rhymes."

Written by:
Gabrielo Banks

Lykke Li's second album "Wounded Rhymes" crosses the Atlantic and challenges the American charts with a heartbroken album that is no sissy.

Swedish indie rocker, Li, (pronounced Lickee Lee) might not be a widely known name yet, but with her second album, she proves that she has a range that can be bluesy but still rock.

The album opens with "Youth Knows No Pain," a heavy bass and clap combination that's coupled with organs to provide a strong opening almost unfitting for the album. She sings, "Come honey cut yourself to pieces; come on honey give yourself completely." Li's enticing lyrics invite the listener to join her on a journey of heartbreak. When the beat breaks down, she willingly drops her rocker façade and brings you into the world where love failed her.

With an ebullient organ for a slight psychedelic effect, "I'll Follow Rivers" sets off the story of heartbreak with a persistent lover. Li's breathy vocals and minimalist lyrics make "I'll Follow Rivers" a returnable single for its upbeat anti-pop tempo.

As the album progresses, "Love Out of Lust," unleashes Li's philosophy of love. Its hedonistic lyrics cross nicely with an airy carefree track. "Dance while you can...Dance cause you must..." Li's airy track has a wailing backdrop that will keep you coming back for more of its uplifting aura.

Next, "Unrequited Love" reminds you that it's an album of heartbreak. Li unleashes the low tempo true-blues acoustic guitar with a wailing vocal that will remind you of the dreamy slow song at prom.

True to the jumpy nature of the album, the second single, "Get Some," unleashes a jungle bass with a surfer's guitar and aggressive lyrics for a perfect "lonely lover's charm,"

a rock club hopper's ideal indie tune. An eerie keyboard organ intro opens "Rich Kid Blues," an upbeat track reminiscent of Li's punk rock mother. The chorus ends up endearing itself despite its note of despair merely because of its catchiness.

"Sadness is a Blessing," simplifies itself with piano chords and a consistent drum beat that leads you into an anthem of sadness. "These scars of mine make wounded rhymes tonight," placed at the heart of the album, the track serves as a point of reference for those digging into the various interpretations of the album.

"I Know Places We Can Go," offers the placating easy listening of an acoustic guitar with Li's coaxing voice assuring, "There is a place. There is a way..." This track is intimate, as if you're in a blues bar and Li is playing in front of you. The track proceeds to take you away as her voice halts and an ambient instrumental offers you a vision of the place she has in mind.

"Jerome" brings you back to the theme of the album. It's another bluesy track. With psychedelic keyboard chiming in and Li's agonized vocals, the track offers an ode to her heartbreaker with a strongly-built floating presence incomparable to the other tracks.

Li concludes the album with a track that proceeds like the approaching of a Viking war fleet. "Silent My Song" is a surreal track that sends the listener off with Li's persistent spirit that will continue to row in the rue of its failed romance.

Li's album may not seem to say much, but its minimalism offers a great vacation from wordy lyricism and quick vocals. If you enjoy the lofty pitch of vocalists Adele or Florence from Florence and the Machine, then you should give Li's "Wounded Rhymes" a chance. You might drown in its ethereal trance.

Style Watch at NSU

Written and photographed by:
Alyssa Sterkel

When people think of art, they typically think of paintings, drawings and pictures, but art encompasses so much more. Art is your favorite song. It's your favorite book and it's your favorite outfit. Art is fashion.

The colors you choose. The accessories you wear and the shoes you select transform into a creation — a creation of fashion.

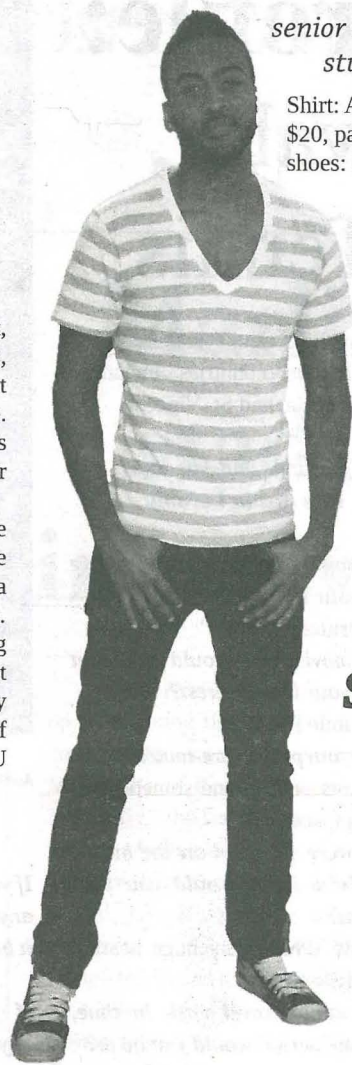
Your outfits may not hang in the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale or win Academy awards, but they are worthy of recognition. Here is what NSU students are wearing:



PALMOA

first-year law student

Shirt: H&M \$25,
jeans: Forever
21 \$20, sandals:
Havianas \$20



LYNDON

senior communication studies major

Shirt: American Apparel \$20, pants: Levis \$49, shoes: Diesel \$80



SABINA

sophomore biology major

Shirt: Mile High \$20, shorts: American Eagle \$15, sandals: Traffic \$10



LEYBER

freshman management student

Shirt: Salsa \$100, pants: Zara \$80, shoes: Ed Hardy \$40

offshore

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Wednesday 3.23



A Rocket to the Moon*
Culture Room in Ft. Lauderdale 7 p.m.

Thursday 3.24

Disney On Ice: Let's Celebrate!*
BankAtlantic Center in Sunrise 7 p.m.



feat. Linda Eder & Marc Kudisch

Broward Center for the Performing Arts
Au Rene Theatre in Ft. Lauderdale 8 p.m.

Citizen Cope*
Culture Room in Ft. Lauderdale 8 p.m.



Pretty Lights Music Showcase Party*
The Fillmore in Miami Beach 8:30 p.m.

Friday 3.25

Miami Heat vs. Philadelphia 76ers
AmericanAirlines Arena in Miami 7:30 p.m.



Chris Tomlin
AmericanAirlines Arena in Miami 7:30 p.m.

Citizen Cope* Culture Room in Ft. Lauderdale 8 p.m.

Collie Buddz* Revolution Live in Ft. Lauderdale 8 p.m.



Saturday 3.26

Muse Center for the Arts Presents:
The Wizard of Oz Bienes Center for the Arts at St. Thomas in Ft. Lauderdale 5 p.m.



Video Games Live Broward Center for the Performing Arts
Au Rene Theatre in Ft. Lauderdale 7:30 p.m.

Sunday 3.27

Miami Heat vs. Houston Rockets
AmericanAirlines Arena in Miami 6 p.m.

Peter Murphy* Culture Room in Ft. Lauderdale 8 p.m.

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Adjust your expectations for “The Adjustment Bureau”

Written by:

Samantha Harfenist

What would you do if you found out someone else had planned out your entire life for you before you were even born? “The Adjustment Bureau” portrays just that.

The film claims that these life plans were created by the “Chairman,” who controls the destiny of every person on the planet. Sounds like a lot of work. Then again, the movie’s special effects prove that neither the “Chairman” nor his “agents” are human.

“The movie centers around Congressman David Norris (Matt Damon), who is determined to fight his pre-determined destiny in order to stay with the contemporary dancer Elise (Emily Blunt), whom he fell in love with. Norris has to battle the creepy G-men of the Adjustment Bureau around every turn to stay with the meek dancer.

While the idea of true love conquering all is a compelling one, the main characters lack likeability. Even Damon’s Academy Award-winning talents can’t make up for Norris’ arrogance. Blunt, who proved that she has skills in such films as “The Devil Wears Prada” and “The Young Victoria,” cannot hide the annoyingly timid and bland nature of her character.

The Adjustment Bureau’s agents aren’t very well explained either. Where these creatures came from or how the “Chairman” got this gig isn’t truly revealed. Given the extreme amount of power



Matt Damon and Emily Blunt must fight for their love in “The Adjustment Bureau.”

and control over the universe that these characters have, this lack of information is frustrating.

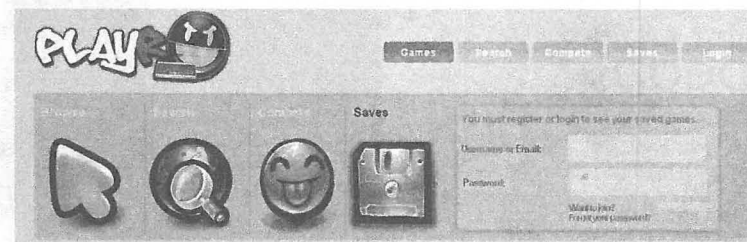
“The Adjustment Bureau” is not the thriller it’s advertised to be. Yeah, there are a few scenes that build tension, but the essence of the movie centers around a love story that is reminiscent of Romeo and Juliet, but I found myself disappointed by the lack of action.

The best part of the movie is the originality of its storyline. Is our fate

planned out for us from the moment we are born? Can you fight destiny? Can you change it? But, rather than focusing on Norris’ fight against “the agents,” the film focuses on the lukewarm romance between the main characters.

“The Adjustment Bureau” is more daytime soap opera than sci-fi thriller. Rather than wasting \$10 on a movie ticket, stay home and catch an episode of “The Young and the Restless.”

Site of the week PlayR.org



Written by:

Annarely Rodriguez

Video games were different when we were younger. The graphics might have been low quality compared to today’s standards, but the feeling we got every time Yoshi appeared on the screen can’t be equated to any amount of head shots we may get playing “Uncharted” today.

While video game generations have their ups and downs, most of us wish we could play “Mortal Kombat” the way we did when we were ten years old. But unless you have a SEGA Genesis in your closet, that’s hard to do. Or is it?

Thanks to Web sites such as www.playR.org, you can play most games from the 1980s and 1990s in their original quality. Childhood videogames are available instantly on the site, and this time you won’t have to blow on your cartridge because the game froze. But playR.org’s selection goes further than any other site I have seen. There, you can choose from “The Legend of Zelda”

to “Pokemon Red” or “Pokemon Blue,” among hundreds.

I used to love playing “Mortal Kombat” when I was younger. I remember beating my best friend on it and last week, when I logged on to playR.org I discovered I could still beat the game, at least the first few levels. Hey, it’s been a long time.

But usually the problem with online versions of games that we played when we were younger is the difference in controls. But the best part about www.playR.org is that the site allows you to configure the controls. And while, it will not be the same as playing Super Mario on your Nintendo 64, you can feel more comfortable playing it on your laptop.

The site also allows you to save your games and compete against other players. You can search by genre (action, platform, sports, role-playing, or shooter games) or you can search by the region where the game was developed.

So, next time you’re feeling nostalgic, log on to www.playR.org and play like it’s 1998.

Feed your mind with “Eating”

Written by:

Keren Moros

“Eating: A Memoir” by James Epstein is exactly what it sounds like: a book about memories involving food. It is part biography and part recipe book, but it fails to completely satisfy the reader’s appetite in either area.

There are parts that are delicious and parts that need more spice to get the right taste.

One delicious aspect of the book is how Epstein relates food to his memories. As an editor of cookbooks and an amateur cook himself, he has a wealth of knowledge about food; and if the senses of smell and sight can bring back vivid and wonderful memories, Epstein’s palate has the same power, which he uses to effectively translate his memories not only into words but also into expressions, feelings and nostalgia.

One passage I especially enjoyed was his story of eating hamburgers with his friends every

day after their summer jobs in 1942. Reading about how he used to spend his days as a 14-year-old and the places he used to eat hamburgers may not sound very interesting at first, but his style and his weaving of food into the memory make it entertaining.

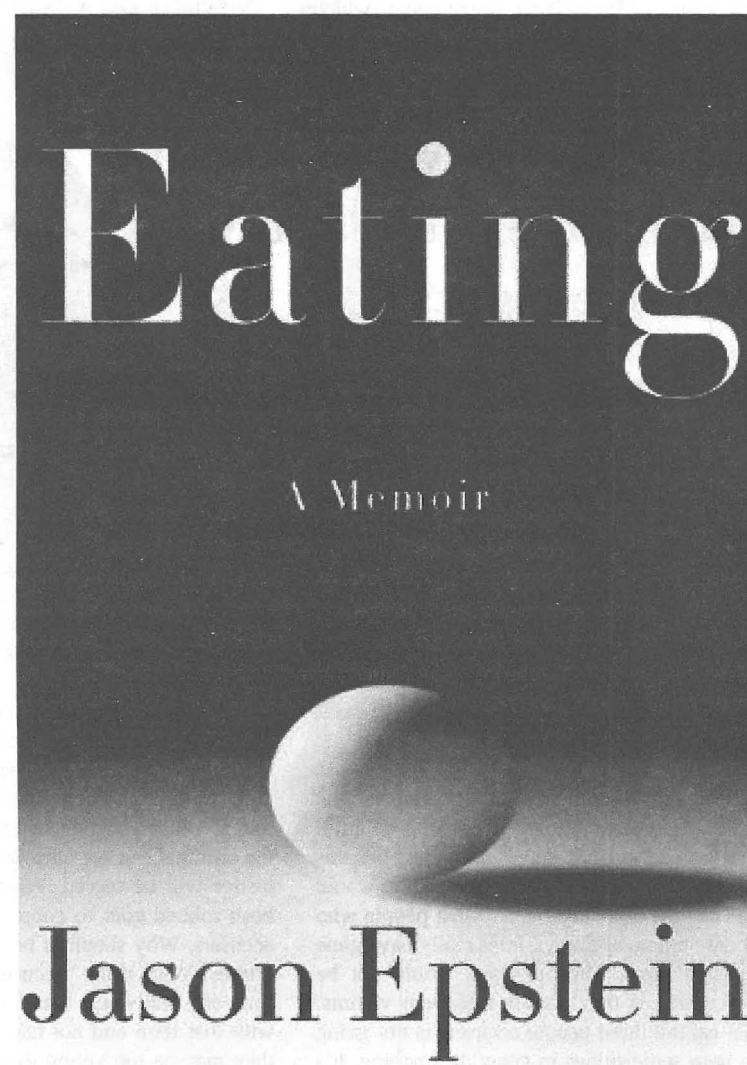
Epstein does not close a chapter without giving at least one recipe: from how to make hamburgers to how to kill lobsters. Recipes are the heart of the book but are the toughest part to chew. Sometimes, they seem to get in the way of his story, while other times they are too long of an interruption between stories. The good thing, though, is that he writes them like a story instead of a list of instructions. And he sometimes speaks directly to the reader, which makes the reader feel that Epstein believes cooking is for everybody.

It’s a nice feeling, but since some of the recipes are somewhat complicated and their ingredients are quite expensive. It’s frustrating to read about something delicious

that one cannot easily enjoy. For example, “braised duck with olives” and “egg foo yung” sound amazing, but they take time and money to prepare, and it’s like that for most of the recipes.

However, if you’re hungry for a story, this book will fill you up as much as a rice cake. Epstein’s memories are short and almost always concentrated on the food present. The stories are intriguing, but they are disconnected, so the reader has a hard time structuring his life out of the fragments he gives. For example, he writes about the food he enjoyed during his honeymoon, but then implies they divorced and then mentions another wife with no clear context for these events. He drops you off at one memory then picks you up and drops you at another one years later, with little explanation.

Unless you are a food aficionado, “Eating” is not the kind of book you would put on your must-read list. But because it is under 200 pages and often interesting, it will



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In “Eating: A Memoir,” Jason Epstein serves up a delicious memoir.

not hurt to read it. To do so is to remind ourselves that if humans had no emotion, personality or intellect,

we would still have our appetite in common.

FACEOFF

Guns on college campuses

Guns don't kill people. People kill people.

Written by:

Samantha Harfenist



A new bill proposed by members of the Texas House would allow licensed faculty and administrators to carry guns on college campuses.

I'll admit that the thought of mass amounts of college students walking around with guns in their bags and jackets makes me cringe. However, I have to take a step back and look at the bigger picture.

It's hard not to react emotionally, after all our generation has witnessed. From Columbine to Virginia Tech, it can be argued that our generation has seen more of a loss of security in our schools than any other. I'm no exception. I cried at the images of slaughtered students in the Columbine high school. I helped raise money for our fellow college students in the nightmare that occurred at Virginia Tech. Our illusion of school safety has been shattered time and time again by our peers bringing guns to schools.

But we must see beyond our emotions to the logic, to the facts. If we start to challenge the rights given to us by the Constitution, we start down a dangerous path that could prove more perilous than any previous tragedy. For losing any freedom, whether it's the right to freedom of speech or to own a gun, is an insult to the countless number of people who have sacrificed themselves for our liberties.

Much like the coveted First Amendment of Freedom of Speech, many of us may take for granted The Second Amendment, which guarantees us the right to own a firearm. With

a few exceptions, such as a criminal record, most people may purchase a gun and use it for protection.

Guns don't kill people. People kill people. Although it sounds trite, this can be proven by the choices people who own the guns make. Some use it to take a life. Others use it to save one.

Even though I have fired a gun at a range and found the experience mildly enjoyable, I generally wouldn't want to own one. However, I know what it's like to be stalked, and that's a kind of fear many can't imagine unless they have experienced it first-hand. I didn't buy a gun. But from the cases of stalking I've heard of — ex-boyfriends breaking into women's homes and watching them sleep — I might have thought twice if that happened to me. The police can take anywhere from 5-10 minutes to respond to an emergency. How quickly do you think a burglar, rapist or stalker could attack?

Even if you wouldn't own a gun or take it to school, don't be so quick to condemn those who would. I wouldn't be thrilled at glancing over and seeing a classmate with a gun strapped to his belt, but I don't like walking to my car alone at 1 a.m. either.

We can't let our past traumas blind us to the facts. Challenge any one of our Constitutional rights, and it opens Pandora's Box. Rather than seeing guns as killing machines, remind yourself that they are also used for protection.

Who knows? A classmate might just save you with one.

College is a place of learning, not the Wild Wild West

Written by:

Juan Gallo



As the masked gunman points his weapon at the unsuspecting victim in the college cafeteria, a fellow student pulls out his gun and yells, "Freeze." Next, a dozen more students pull out their own weapons. A vicious gunfight ensues leaving more than 30 injured or dead. As much as it may seem like it, this is not a scene from a Quentin Tarantino movie. It's a possible real-life scenario that could occur if laws are passed to allow students and faculty to carry guns on college campuses.

A popular saying immediately comes to mind. Guns don't kill people. People kill people. Who in their right mind would believe that the best way to combat gun violence is to allow everyone to carry a gun everywhere? I'll tell you who. According to gun control advocates, Texas and Arizona are the most likely to pass these laws — big surprise there. I'm sure if legislators in Texas and Arizona had it their way, we'd all be riding around on horses and forming posses to hang criminals at high noon.

It's not even necessary to mention the cases of people shooting themselves (Plaxico Burress) or of children getting a hold of their parents' guns and accidentally killing themselves to prove that this is a moronic idea. Does anyone really think that the average American can be trusted to know what to do and how to manage a stressful situation in which people's lives are at stake?

The idea here is to have a bigger stick than the other, right? I believe that idea was most popular among who? I don't know, cavemen? And since we are all obsessed with finding the Missing Link, it does make sense that we would just volunteer to disregard our education, our intellect, and reduce ourselves

to people who cannot reason or evolve in order to come full circle.

Can't anyone see that the proposed "solution" is the problem? We would prefer to equip ourselves with arms in order to shoot our neighbor because we don't trust our fellow man? Why can't we see that we can live with love, hope, forgiveness and a belief that, if we put our minds to it, we have the power to end violence and hate without resolving to violence and hate? But I know, I know; these peaceful, non-violent ideals are reserved for the tree-hugging hippies like me who can imagine a world without guns, racism, prejudice and with equal rights for all.

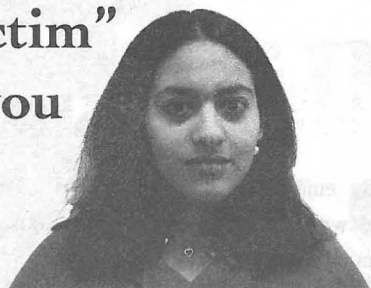
Let me just ask you to do this. Next time you're in class, look at those sitting around you. Would you really feel more comfortable if you knew that your classmates were hiding a Glock pistol in his or her backpack in case something went down? Could you trust people put the safety on their gun before they left the house so that it won't misfire in the middle of college algebra? To think that inner-city children dream of going to college to escape the violence that confronts them every day. With this new law, we are asking them to embrace the very violence they struggled to escape.

I suggest that if these laws pass, we change the American slogan from "Land of the free, home of the brave" to "Kill or be killed," or "Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth... to hell with turning the other cheek." There is no patriotism in this idea. There is only selfish fear and cowardice, and if laws like this are passed in our country, the idea of living in Canada looks better and better.

Remove the word "victim" from rape cases and you remove rights

Written by:

Keren Moros



Imagine that your child was contacted by an obscene telephone caller. Imagine your friend was stalked for months. Imagine you or a loved one was raped. Now, imagine taking the case to court and being told that you are an "accuser."

This is what Georgia State Rep. Bobby Franklin is proposing in legislation which would change the word "victim" to "accuser" in rape, stalking, and domestic violence cases in Georgia.

I wonder if anyone who was involved in writing this law has any family members who have suffered through such crimes. It's doubtful that anyone who has experienced these heinous crimes firsthand or through association would call the victims "accusers." Most people who accuse others of these crimes really have gone through them. Most of them would not be "accusers" if they hadn't first been victims. So, calling these people accusers is not going to help settle things in court. If anything, it's confrontational, implying that a victim can be the "bad guy" for daring to seek justice.


And isn't just a little too coincidental that most the victims of rape, stalking and domestic violence are women? Of all the crimes that go on every day, why are these crimes allowed to have guidelines that challenge the victim's story? Why are women primarily getting the

short end of the stick in this deal?

Why waste time writing a law that will only cause hurt and confusion to those who have been victims of such terrible crimes? Shouldn't lawmakers be creating laws that protect victims and ensure criminals get what they deserve? No, apparently, they have to try to change something that's already working. Great idea, Franklin.

Some say the word the word "accuser" makes things more impartial in a trial. But when someone really has been raped or abused, they are not accusing the criminal. They are telling others of their victimization so that the criminal can get what he/she deserves and justice will be served. When someone who's been robbed goes to court, they aren't called accusers. Why should it be different for other crimes? What if the "accuser" is a child? Can someone really just blanket all these victims with that term and not take into account that they may be too young to defend themselves in court?

I hope this legislation doesn't pass. When people are subject to these crimes, they are victims. If they were lying about being a victim, then they aren't. End of story. Justice should be black and white, not black, white and vague all over.



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Underpaid and overworked: The life of a social worker

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Ten year olds Nubia and Victor Barahona were victims of an abusive, adoptive father. On Feb. 14, the twins were found in their father's truck along Interstate 95 in West Palm Beach. Nubia was dead and Victor had severe chemical burns covering his little torso.

Four days earlier, a tip was sent to the child-abuse hotline, and the Florida Department of Children and Families sent an investigator to the Barahona house, where social worker Andrea Fleary discovered that the children were missing from the home. I don't know exactly why Fleary didn't investigate further or why she didn't contact the police about the missing children, but maybe the downside of the job is what played a factor in this tragedy.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in 2008 that social workers

receive an annual salary of about \$43,120. Their job description includes finding foster homes for children, assisting in adoptions, helping people who have health problems and mental illnesses, and providing talk therapy.

They are therapists, health specialists, and adoption professionals rolled into one, yet they may make only enough to pay rent, bills and groceries. Just like teachers, social workers have a profound influence on children. They help them find temporary homes, give them families, and help them through tough times at school. But their work often goes unappreciated and unacknowledged.

With this economy, what student, with thousands of dollars in loans, would want to be a social worker? The good feeling of helping

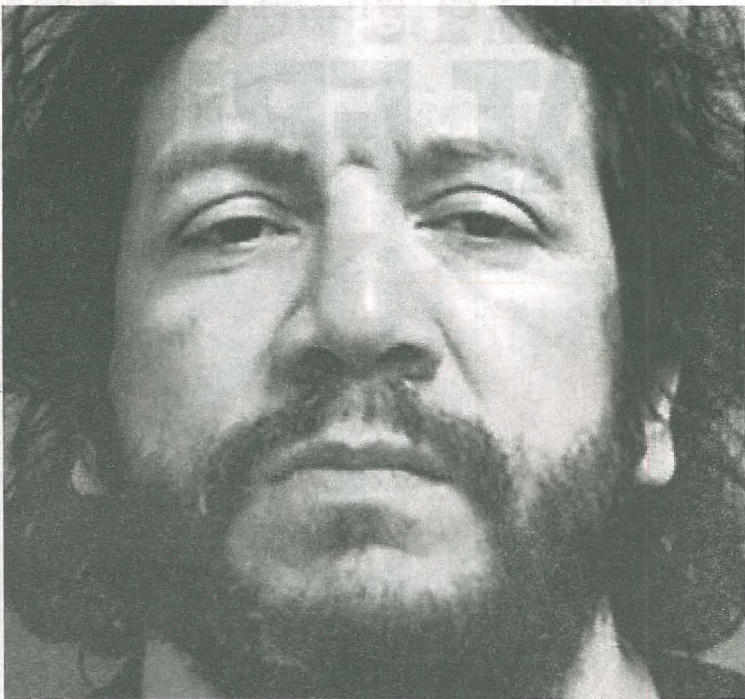
people can only go so far when you're not making enough money to provide for yourself or your family.

Fleary may also have not investigated thoroughly because social workers are over-worked. The Department of Children and Families is open 24/7; they oversee 18,000 children in foster care (in Florida alone) and receive about 1,000 abuse hotline tips daily. One social worker may not be able to handle his or her caseload as well as investigate, in-depth, an adoptive family's possible abuse.

The case also questions why a social worker gave the Barahona parents permission to adopt these twins. A heavy caseload may leave workers insufficient energy to recognize red flags or spend enough time with potential adoptive families. Their caseload shouldn't include jumping from case to case every day. Potential tragedies will not be stopped at the rate DCF is going.

Just thinking about the amount of work social workers take on makes me feel burned out. I can't imagine how social workers handle everything he or she have to balance.

There needs to be more social workers, but the job doesn't exactly



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Jorge Barahona, 53, murdered one adopted child and almost killed another on Feb. 14. Representatives from the Florida Department of Children and Families were questioned in court about their handling of the case.

invite people with its wonderful pay, great hours, light workload and and low burn out rate. It's a tough job. People going into that field must know they will have dinners from vending machines and enough daily paperwork to make his or her hands cramp. Future social workers

shouldn't have to worry about the measly pay and enormous overtime but the reality is hard to ignore.

Social workers are brave and we should give them more help, more money and more recognition than they receive.

On the Scene

As told to:
Donna Levasseur

A proposed law by members of the Texas State House would allow students over 21 and faculty to carry concealed handguns on campus. Utah and Colorado also passed bills to allow guns on campus in their states. If Florida were to pass such a law, NSU would not have to comply since it's a private institution.

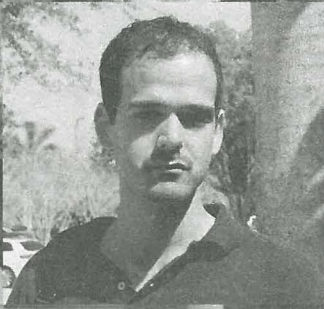
How would you feel if Florida decided to allow guns on campus?

"It's a constitutional right to defend yourself in today's world. The only way you can reasonably defend yourself is by carrying a concealed weapon."
Ayelet Faerman, first-year law student



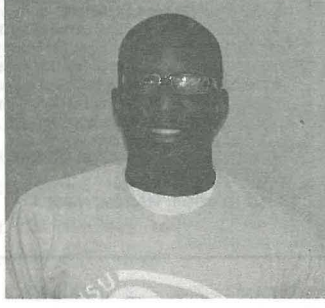
"I would feel very threatened, and I would be scared to have a confrontation with anybody."
Ceren Balta, junior psychology major

"I feel like it would give an excuse for violence when we have a perfectly good public safety program that could be utilized instead of weapons."
Brittany Schemtob, sophomore biology major



"I don't think it would serve any purpose. It would do more harm than good. You can't solve violence by feeding more guns into society."
Schafic Wahab, first-year law student

"I don't see how it can benefit education. I feel if safety is a concern, it should be handled by a trained police force."
Dedrix Daka, third-year optometry student



"I would feel a bit uncomfortable. Just the idea of everyone and their mothers walking around campus with guns is like an increased chance of incidents and accidents happening."
Jonathan Clerge, sophomore computer science major

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